

REMARKS

Claims 1-29 are pending in the subject application prior to entry of this Amendment. By the Amendment herewith, the preambles of claims 1, 5, 10, 15, 20 and 25 are amended. The word "arranged" is changed to "configured" in claims 20, 23 and 25. It is noted that the above clarifications are not made for reasons related to patentability and the full range of equivalents should remain in tact.

No new issues requiring a further search are raised by this Amendment. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to enter this Amendment and consider the following remarks, which are believed to fully address the Examiner's issues set forth in the outstanding Office Action.

Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 1, 5, 10-13, 15-16, 18-23, 25-26 and 28-29 are pending. Of those claims, claims 1, 5, 10, 15, 20 and 25 are independent.

In the outstanding Office Action, claims 1, 5, 10-13, 15-16, 18-23, 25-26 and 28-29 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) being unpatentable over Ketola et al. (US 2001/0029194 A1) in view of newly cited Marshall et al. (US 2002/0087665 A1).

The foregoing rejection is respectfully disagreed with, and is traversed below.

Ketola et al. relate to reminding of an unanswered call. As is shown in Figure 4 and described in the corresponding part of the description, in an embodiment when an incoming call is received, a mobile telephone identifies the telephone number of the caller at step 42. At step 43, the user either answers the call, rejects the call or indicates that the user does not want to take the call, but instead wants a reminder. In the event that a reminder is indicated as being required at step 43, at step 46 call data is transferred into the calendar application of the mobile device. Announcement occurs either at a pre-determined reminding time or when the mobile phone's mode of operation is changed. This relates to step 50 in Figure 4, and is described in paragraph 28.

Newly cited Marshall et al. disclose the use of identifiers. According to Marshall et al. at paragraph 38, resources may be identified by a unique specifier, which may involve one or more of a resource ID, type ID and version ID. According to paragraph 44, "a resource manager may use the unique specifier to find the requested resource and return a reference to the requested resource."

It is clear from Marshall et al., in particular from the disclosures at paragraphs 18-19, that the use of the resource identifiers etc., allows transparent upgrades of resources to new versions, without entities which use them becoming aware of the upgrade. (See paragraph 19, first sentence of Marshall et al. disclosing: "The present invention allows transparent upgrades of resources to new versions, without the entities which use them becoming aware of the upgrade.").

Marshall et al. do not disclose "determining if there is correspondence ... between ... an identifier ... and an identifier forming part of [a] reminder item," as set forth in Applicant's independent claim 1. Moreover, Marshall et al. do not seem to disclose determining whether there is correspondence between a resource identifier and anything, let alone an identifier forming part of a reminder item, as claimed in Applicant's claim 1. Nor does Ketola et al. disclose or suggest the foregoing features.

Moreover, Applicant's claim 1 includes a recitation of "controlling the device to announce the reminder item only if correspondence is present." This feature is not disclosed in, or suggested by, either Marshall et al. or Ketola et al. Nor is there any reason to modify these teachings in an attempt to arrive at the subject claims.

Thus, a combination of Ketola et al. and Marshall et al. does not result in a method falling within the scope of Applicant's claim 1.

Moreover, it is respectfully pointed out that Marshall et al. and Ketola et al. relate to different technical fields. Ketola et al. relate to mobile communication devices so it may be said to be in the same technical field as Applicant's claim 1. However, the newly cited Marshall et al. reference does not relate to mobile communications devices at all. Instead, Marshall et al. are concerned only with networks, for

instance, wide area networks or cell phone networks per se (see paragraphs 5 and 6 of Marshall et al, for example). Thus, a person skilled in the art of mobile communications devices would not look to Marshall et al. in order to solve problems in the field of mobile communication devices. Thus, a person of ordinary skill in the art would not combine Ketola et al. with Marshall et al. As stated above, even if such combination was made, it would not result in subject matter falling within the scope of Applicant's claim 1.

An explanation of the advantages obtained by the features of the claimed invention can be found at pages 1 to 2 of the subject application. These advantages are summarized below for the Examiner's convenience. For example, an advantage of embodiments of the claimed invention is that it may provide increased functionality in a mobile communications device such as a cellular phone or PDA. Another advantage is that it may allow reminders to be released from specified times and dates, and thus provide more general applicability. Yet a further advantage is that it may allow announcement of a reminder to be dependent on a particular web page being accessed, a particular email address being present on an incoming or outgoing email, or a particular game being started, for example. Moreover, it may allow a reminder to be announced when a call is received from, or made to, a particular colleague friend or family member, identified by their telephone number or phone book entry, for instance. All of these advantages are not seen to be readily shown by the cited references.

For at least the foregoing reasons, independent claim 1 is believed to be patentable over the cited references. Independent claim 5 also is believed to be patentable for corresponding reasons. Similarly, Applicant's independent claim 10 recites "controlling the device to allow a user to select an application, to enter or select an identifier and to allow a user to initiate an application start event reminder." Claim 10 may be considered to be a method that may allow a reminder item to be set by a user. It will be appreciated from the above explanation of Marshall et al. and Ketola et al. that these references, whether viewed alone or in combination, do not disclose or suggest all of the features of claim 10. Claim 20 is patentable for corresponding reasons.

Regarding Applicant's independent claim 15, this claim recites "receiving an input comprising an indicator of an application, an identifier, and an indication that an application start event reminder is required." Claim 15 may be considered to be a method that may allow a reminder item to be received, for example, from another device. It will be appreciated from the above explanation of Marshall et al. and Ketola et al. that these references, whether viewed alone or in combination, do not disclose or suggest all of the features of claim 15. Claim 25 is patentable for corresponding reasons.

It is further respectfully asserted that there is no reason to modify the teachings of the afore-cited references in an attempt to arrive at the subject matter of the afore-referenced independent claims.

Thus, all of Applicant's independent claims are believed to be patentable and should be allowed. Remaining dependent claims 11-13, 16, 18-19, 21-23, 26 and 28-29 also are believed to be patentable at least in view of their dependency from an allowable independent claim.

All issues having been addressed, the subject application is believed to be in condition for immediate allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to enter and consider this Amendment, and withdraw the outstanding rejection. A Notice of Allowance is therefore respectfully requested.

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